

By the Committee on Style and Drafting

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REVISION 6

A proposal to amend Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to remove a provision authorizing laws that regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship; amend Section 9 of Article X of the State Constitution to provide that the repeal of a criminal statute shall not affect the prosecution of any crime committed before such repeal; and amend Section 19 of Article X of the State Constitution to delete an obsolete provision regarding the development of a high speed ground transportation system.

Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of Florida:

Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution is amended to read:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 2. Basic rights.—All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; ~~except that the ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law.~~ No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical

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35 Sections 9 and 19 of Article X of the State Constitution
36 are amended to read:

37 ARTICLE X

38 MISCELLANEOUS

39 SECTION 9. Repeal of criminal statutes.—Repeal ~~or amendment~~
40 of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution ~~or punishment~~
41 for any crime ~~previously committed~~ before such repeal.

42 SECTION 19. Repealed High speed ground transportation
43 ~~system. To reduce traffic congestion and provide alternatives to~~
44 ~~the traveling public, it is hereby declared to be in the public~~
45 ~~interest that a high speed ground transportation system~~
46 ~~consisting of a monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation~~
47 ~~system, capable of speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, be~~
48 ~~developed and operated in the State of Florida to provide high~~
49 ~~speed ground transportation by innovative, efficient and~~
50 ~~effective technologies consisting of dedicated rails or~~
51 ~~guideways separated from motor vehicular traffic that will link~~
52 ~~the five largest urban areas of the State as determined by the~~
53 ~~Legislature and provide for access to existing air and ground~~
54 ~~transportation facilities and services. The Legislature, the~~
55 ~~Cabinet and the Governor are hereby directed to proceed with the~~
56 ~~development of such a system by the State and/or by a private~~
57 ~~entity pursuant to state approval and authorization, including~~
58 ~~the acquisition of right of way, the financing of design and~~
59 ~~construction of the system, and the operation of the system, as~~
60 ~~provided by specific appropriation and by law, with construction~~
61 ~~to begin on or before November 1, 2003.~~

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63 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the following statement be placed on
64 the ballot:

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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ARTICLE I, SECTION 2

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ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 9, 19

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PROPERTY RIGHTS; REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISION; CRIMINAL
STATUTES.—Removes discriminatory language related to real
property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters.

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Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not
affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the
amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a
crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.